

Richard Knowles – Eastham Land Records 1650 - 1745

Richard Knowles was in Plymouth in 1637 where he married and had several children. He brought his family to Eastham by 1653. He lived near Town Cove next to Giles Hopkins. He was surveyor of highways in 1669-70. He died in Eastham probably in the late 1680's. Most likely he is buried in an unmarked grave in Cove Burying Ground.

1654

Granted to Richard Knowles two acres of meadow on the farther side of Little Namskaket next to the meadow of Giles Hopkins. PDF P8.

1656

Granted to Richard Knowles small points of land at the farther side of the Cove. This was the south end or head of Town Cove with the property extending to the west side of the Cove. PDF P7.

1659

Granted to Richard Knowles and John Young one and one-quarter acres of meadow at Billingsgate between land of Daniel Cole and land of Richard Wixam. PDF A110, M237, S27.

Granted to Richard Knowles two acres of meadow at Little Skaket between land of William Twining and the Spring. The two acres were lawfully possessed by John Freeman. PDF A136, M192, S18.

1682

Granted to Richard Knowles ten acres on the northern side of Pochet near the head of the Cove. Five acres were on the eastern side of William Merrick's land and five acres were on the western side of Merrick's land. Bounds of both parcels of Knowles land were indicated by marked trees. PDF A207, M122, S12.

Bounds of land owned by Richard Knowles at the head of Town Cove were indicated by marked trees and stones and were recorded. This appears to relate to land granted to Knowles in 1656. PDF A207, M122, S12.

1703

Granted to the heirs of Richard Knowles, Robert Wixam and William Twining, all deceased, three and one-half acres of meadow at Pochet Flats next to the creek between low meadow and high meadow. PDF A273, M152.

1711

Land at Great Island was divided into twenty-four equal sized lots. Lot nineteen was granted to Richard Knowles, Isaac Doane, William Brown, Samuel Harding, Daniel Cole and Timothy Cole and their heirs. All lots were about six and one-half acres. PDF T86, T89.

Granted to Richard Knowles and his heirs four acres near the dwelling house of his son Samuel Knowles. The land was located between the way that runs from Harwich to Eastham and the way which leads from Major Freeman's to Pochet. PDF T112.

Granted to Richard Knowles and his heirs a wood lot located between the Grapevine Swamp and First Brook and next to the wood lot of Daniel Cole Jr. The wood lot was about six acres. PDF T112.

1712

Granted to Richard Knowles and his heirs four acres between the Knowles house and Cedar Pond and next to Israel Cole's property. PDF T18.

1715

Granted to Richard Knowles and his heirs two parcels of land on Samson's Island. One parcel on the northwest side of the island was about two acres. The other parcel was next to other Knowles family land on the south side of the island and was about six acres. PDF T220.

Granted to Richard Knowles and his heirs a wood lot on the east side of the way to Billingsgate that ran north 16 pole and east 320 pole (one mile) to the Backside Sea. The grant specified a thirty foot wide open way through this lot for the way to Billingsgate. The wood lot was about thirty-two acres.
PDF T264.

The land owned by Richard Knowles or in his name for his heirs described here amounts to about seventy acres. By 1745 eleven more Knowles received Eastham land grants.